

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CHARLES J. BALL	:	
	:	<u>ORDER</u>
Plaintiffs,	:	21 Civ. 6159 (JFK) (GWG)
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METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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**GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, United States Magistrate Judge**

1. The above-referenced action has been referred to the undersigned for general pre-trial purposes. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). All pre-trial applications, including those relating to scheduling and discovery, shall be made to the undersigned (except motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification). All applications must comply with this Court's Individual Practices, which are available through the Clerk's Office or at: <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-gabriel-w-gorenstein>

2. All discovery (as well as requests for admissions) must be initiated in time to be concluded by the deadline for all discovery.

3. Discovery motions -- that is, any application pursuant to Rules 26 through 37 or 45 -- not only must comply with ¶ 2.A. of the Court's Individual Practices but also must be made promptly after the cause for such a motion arises. In addition, absent extraordinary circumstances no such application will be considered if made later than 30 days prior to the close of discovery. Untimely applications will be denied.

4. Any application for an extension of the time limitations with respect to any deadlines in this matter must be made as soon as the cause for the extension becomes known to the party making the application and must be made in accordance with ¶ 1.E of the Court's Individual Practices. The application must state the position of all other parties on the proposed extension and must show good cause therefor not foreseeable as of the date of this Order. "Good cause" as used in this paragraph does not include circumstances within the control of counsel or the party. Any application not in compliance with this paragraph will be denied. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also result in sanctions.

5. The parties are required to make affirmative attempts to settle this matter through discussions among counsel. If the parties are unable to settle the case by such means, they are required to use mediation to assist them in achieving settlement. Mediation may be undertaken by means of private mediation or Court-supervised mediation, which includes the Court's mediation program or potentially a conference before the undersigned. Within 7 days of the date of this Order, the parties are directed to contact each other in an attempt to reach agreement as to (a) which form of mediation will be employed and (b) approximately when, or at what stage of the case, the mediation should take place. Plaintiff shall write a letter to the undersigned within 14 days of the date of this Order to report on the outcome of these discussions. If opposing counsel believes the letter does not accurately reflect those discussions, counsel may promptly submit a letter in response.

6. If a recipient of this Order is aware of any attorneys or parties who should receive notice of Court action in this case other than any attorneys or parties currently listed on the docket sheet, please notify Deputy Clerk Christine Chambers at (212) 805-4260 immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 15, 2021  
New York, New York

  
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GABRIEL W. CORENSTEIN  
United States Magistrate Judge